

THIS YEAR IS BIG BE A GREAT ONE IN LOCAL GOLF DOM—OTHER SPORTS NEWS

BIG YEAR PREDICTED FOR GOLF IN PHILADELPHIA

Everything in Readiness for the Opening of Prosperous Season on the Greens and Fairways

It begins to look like golf. Decidedly. The birds really twitter in the trees. Fairways have already become verdant. Folks, unabashed, with rusty clubs inserted in a bag, mount trains all-aboard for the country and for golf, with no thought of rushing the season.

This will be the big year for Philadelphia golf. It is admitted. The paramount (more big league stuff) reason for this is the public links at Cobbs' Creek. The opening of the new links will depend mostly on the weather.

"We have built something for Philadelphia to be proud of," said Jesse T. Votaw, chief engineer of the Fairmount Park Commission. He has had in charge the construction of the links.

"There is no use of ruining the new course by opening it to the public before the turf has fairly knitted and the new seed taken root."

A struggle over the new links reveals it to be one of the best in this city and it will be far superior to the public courses in New York and other of the large cities. The official distances in yards of the holes, as decided today, follow: 452, 350, 390, 150, 400, 350, 425, 366, 357, 261, 512, 130, 250, 215, 250, 443 and 382. The par for the course will be 71.

But it will be a cold moon that will shine down on the first score of 71 made there. The course includes several holes that will prove to be the sportiest in the city. We pause to prophesy that the average run of golfer that essays his hand at the new course will get an 83 at the third hole, and then, bink! Long pause, with much oratory addressed to the trees, the water, the rocks and other difficulties in the order in which they will present themselves.

The cut of the country is about the only hazard. It twists, it humps, it dips and it breaks out in many rills. It will be a tough round for the beginner.

"That was indeed a Superintending of Links Hunter today. The only way to develop a good golfer is to give him difficult shots. By the time people have gotten so they can play all the holes on the course they will be able to give a good account of themselves on any links. Perhaps then Philadelphia will produce a champion."

Plans Indefinite. No very definite plans have been made as yet as to the running of the course, according to Robert W. Leslie, chairman of the committee in charge of the course and president of the Philadelphia Golf Association. Lockers will be rented at a sum which has not yet been fixed, and it is probable that those holding lockers will be given preference over others in the matter of starting.

It is doubtful if players without bags of clubs will be permitted to play. Bags will likely be placed in line on the first or second and players allowed to start in order of arrival.

Lockers can be reserved by applying to the Park Commission. There will be about 450 for men and 112 for women. Work was begun today in setting them up in the clubhouse. Beautiful modern structures that any club might be proud of have been built from the old original buildings. The building for the fair sex includes a wide veranda, with a part inclosed in glass, where will be served sandwiches. The floor will be for dancing and card playing. There is a large and exceedingly artistic fireplace in it.

The large corps of workmen at the links marched out today with the seeder and began the work of seeding the entire fairway. This will fill in the bare spots and help greatly to knit the new turf. The large corps of workmen at the links marched out today with the seeder and began the work of seeding the entire fairway.

How many recruits the new course will add to the army of golf veterans, estimated at 25,000, now studying golf in this city in the light of a religion, it is difficult to say, but it is probable that the number will be legion.

Another reason given for the golf boom expected this year is the garnering of the national championship to be held at Merion. Names of international fame will show their wares here during that September week. People who never saw a golf ball will go to see them because everybody else will. They will be properly arrested and they will be there. Once bitten by the bug—that's all. Thousands of regular players will be inspired to greater deeds.

Merion is making big preparations for the event. The clubhouse officially opened on Friday and 200 golfers turned out for their initial trick. Because of the late winter the course has not yet reached the firmness of summer, and winter rules are in vogue. Four new greens have been built, the 3d, 8th, 9th and 17th. They were plowed up and remodeled. They will be ready, with the grace of the weather, in a short time. Every effort is being made to put the course in even more championship form than it now is.

Two new tournaments of an entirely novel nature have been placed on the official link schedule, according to Francis B. Warner, secretary of the Golf Association. One is the novice tournament to be staged at St. David's for those having a greater handicap than 10. This opens up tournament day to the great ho poloo of "duffers." Since one of the prime requisites for entering the expert class is to be able to make a shot with some one looking on, this tournament is amenable to have fine results. At Philmont there will be, for the first time in Philadelphia, a "sanctioned" mixed foursome.

PEN ALL SET FOR THE RELAYS END OF WEEK

Red and Blue Will Be Strongly Represented in All of the Many Events

GREAT ENTRY LIST

By TED MEREDITH. Captain Penn Track Team. TODAY begins the week which is going to culminate with the classic relay carnival on Franklin Field, where some of the best athletes the world has ever seen will show themselves to advantage as finished products. Then, again, one can see the future greats in the rough, for this event attracts every large prep school in the East and Middle West, who seek to beat here to try to win their class race.

The interest this meet creates is not so amazing when you stop to consider how many schools and colleges are represented. The big interest is without a doubt on the championship relays. It is a rare occurrence for one college to win more than one of these events, and I can only remember once when a college won all the championship relays. That was in 1910, when Mike Murphy had three championship teams, one, two and four mile relays.

Entries in Every Event. Most of the big colleges do not send teams unless they feel that they can win in the event in which they run. At Penn, however, we cannot do this, being the host, we have to enter teams in every event, no matter what our chances might be. This is a big job for any coach to pick three relay teams and try to make a showing in each race. Often the team is hurt in order to better our showing in another race. This year our two-mile team has suffered because, by the loss of Don Lippincott, we needed quarter-milers. Consequently, our four-mile team is sacrificed to bolster up the two-mile team. It is a hard job for a coach. If you take a man from one squad, that squad feels they personally are being sacrificed, and if you don't, the other squad knows a track coach must have great diplomatic qualities.

But in spite of this Pennsylvania will be represented with two good relay teams this year. Every one knows of the mile team, and Saturday the two-mile quartet was picked, which will be Scudder, Dorsey, Pope and Berry. I don't think this year can beat Yale, but it will be a strong contender for second place in this race. Our four-mile team will not be expected to do much. It is made up of mostly two-milers, and the distance is too short for them.

Lockwood May Run. Joe Lockwood comes out of the hospital today, but is very weak from his illness. He has been in the hospital for several weeks. He has been in the hospital for several weeks. He has been in the hospital for several weeks.

Eleventh Hole. The most charming from an artistic, but not from a "duffer's" point of view, is the new eleventh. A pond is being built to right, and trees, etc., to left, making the path necessary one which will flatter with nary a waver to an opening in the gulch where has been laid out a beautiful green.

The hole is a triumph, and the breast of Dan Miller, new pro at the club, heaves with no little pride as he gazes upon it. Ten thousand dollars is being spent on the course. This follows the line of other clubs, which are constantly improving their links. This all means more boost for local golf.

Ben Nichols, confidante and tutor of kings, has left the Lu Lu Club and his place has been taken by George Caruth, formerly of North Hills. He has developed so many stars that the Shriners have engaged him to buck up their game. He has started in with a rush. The original "pool table" greens will be discarded for the large and splendid condition, as now under cultivation. Fine sod has sprung up on them and the ropes will be removed in a short time. The ninth hole has been remodeled, the seventh entirely reseeded and the first hole has been reseeded from tee to green. None of the local clubs have so placidly allowed the new season to come in unheralded. Large crowds crowd the links even this early. Jordan the throng.

Robertson Will Aid Penn. Penn will be greatly benefited by the coaching of Lawson Robertson, the former Irish-American instructor, who has been engaged to assist Dr. George Orton. Robertson is regarded as one of the best cinder-path instructors in the country, and the Red and Blue squad is bound to improve. If he makes good, the chances are that he will be one of the leading candidates for the main next year, although Nate Cartmel and Art Smith are pushing him hard.

Smalley, the Central High athlete, is likely to spring a surprise if he enters the Penn relay team. He has a very good leap 22 feet 8 inches in the Hill School meet Saturday, which is considered very good for this time of the year.

Wright Makes Good. Joe Wright, the Penn coach, has made good. The Red and Blue victory over Yale on the Schuylkill Saturday is attributed to his methods, which are met with little favor among the aquatic authorities. The strenuous program, forcing the men to appear on the river twice a day, has been successful, and the students are looking forward to a long string of victories. For the first time in years there are rosy prospects of winning the Poughkeepsie regatta. The crews will row against the Penn team next Saturday, but little work is to be done. Wright gave the men a vacation today and they will report tomorrow for a night drill.

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This Macken will face another southpaw this afternoon. If "Dutch" Leonard is not in shape to go to the mound, "Babe" Ruth, who has beaten the Athletics twice this season, will try to repeat.

"This Phils play their final game in New York this afternoon. Alexander the Great will try to make it six straight victories. He is likely to have a hard battle, as Jeff Tesreau will oppose him. Tesreau is in wonderful shape. He shut the Phils out in their last game, the champions have lost this season.

Stallion Meddler Dies in France. Meddler, Charlie B. Mackay's great racing stallion, died in France last of the influenza epidemic. He was 12 years old and had won many races.

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NEW YORK, April 24.—Firmin Cassignol, the French billiard expert, who came to this country last winter, died last night at a private hospital. Ever since his arrival here Cassignol has been ill, and it has been a marvel to those who knew of his condition that he could play with such wonderful skill.

The trouble began about a week ago, when he was touring the West with Welker Cochran. He came immediately to New York determined to go to France, but was persuaded to have an operation performed here. He was operated upon Thursday afternoon and rallied so well that there was confidence of his recovery.

Friday, however, he had a sinking spell and, though he rallied, there was a recurrence yesterday morning and he gradually sank and died at 7:30 last night.

The French billiardist was 47 years old, having been born in Villa Sadary, France, in 1869. He is survived by a brother and two sons, now in France.

Record for Week in Major League Ball. The week's record in each league of games played, won and lost, with runs scored by batters, and runs allowed by pitchers, including the games of Saturday, April 22, is as follows:

Table with columns: League, Team, W, L, R, A, E. Includes American League and National League data.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY. AMERICAN LEAGUE. New York, 7, Boston, 4, Chicago, 6, Detroit, 4, Cleveland, 2, Philadelphia, 2, St. Louis, 2, Washington, 4, Athletics, 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Philadelphia, 4, Brooklyn, 4, St. Louis, 4, Pittsburgh, 4, Cincinnati, 4, Chicago, 4, New York, 4.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE. NATIONAL LEAGUE. Philadelphia at New York—Partly cloudy. Brooklyn at Boston—Cloudy. St. Louis at Cincinnati—Cloudy. Pittsburgh at Chicago—Cloudy.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. New York at Philadelphia—Clear. Cleveland at Detroit—Clear. Boston at St. Louis—Clear.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS. AMERICAN LEAGUE. Chicago, 3; Detroit, 4. Cleveland, 4; St. Louis, 2. Other clubs not scheduled.

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BINGLES AND BUNGLES. Eddie Plank held Cleveland to two hits in seven innings and fanned seven men on Saturday at the shore with the Atlantic City High School nine. The score was 7 to 1. Harron, the Wilmington pitcher, was on the mound and held Atlantic City High to two hits.

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Advertisement for Kawana Ribbon Cigar. Text: "Ask for KAWANA RIBBON CIGAR Sold from the Sanitary Humidor by all good dealers". Includes an image of a cigar box.

Large advertisement for a Cadillac car. Text: "Whoa, Phoebe!" said the girl in the Cadillac car, as she and her escort overtook the singular person on the burro on a road near San Gabriel, Cal. "Whither goest thou on thy slyly mounted?" inquired the girl. "Ah, children," he replied, "I am the Past Long ago I dwelt in yon crumbling monastery. Every twenty-five years I return to the Present to see how the world is faring. On each visit I find a new wonder. This time it is the— "The automobile, and this is a Cadillac," said the girl. "Cadillac—I know him well," replied the monk. "A Frenchman by birth, a daring fellow, who founded Detroit in 1701." "Just so," said he in the car. "It has eight cylinders. Best car on the road. The overlapping power-strokes give sweetness of action which is positively wonderful. It is the 'Standard of the World.' It was made in Detroit and named after La Mothe Cadillac." "Well, Well," said the burro-ider in a soft, monkish voice, "when I return to the Past I must tell La Mothe about this great nameless of his which is setting the Present such a wondrous example of speed, integrity and luxury."

P. R. T. LEAGUE OPENS 1916 SEASON TOMORROW

Twelve Teams Are Represented in Trolleyman's Baseball Circuit

Tomorrow will be the day for local trolleyman, as it is the occasion of the opening of the P. R. T. Baseball League. The usual ceremonies with President Johnson of the circuit, throwing out the first ball will give the opening to all the aspects of major league grandeur.

Three games are listed. Jackson crosses bats with the Belmont nine; Woodland travels to the Northeast High grounds to battle with Ridge, while the Callowhills meet Polson at Darby. Games are to be played twice weekly, Tuesdays and Fridays.

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More than 180 players are trying for permanent berths on the team, and from what material is being developed, the strength of each club is fully 25 per cent. stronger than last year.

The P. R. T. League was organized last year with eight teams. Later, four more clubs got interested in the national game, which resulted in the formation of another league. The leagues were designated: Class A, with eight clubs, and Class B, with four teams. The forming of both leagues into one this season has resulted in a circuit one of the biggest ever represented in this city.

The club winning the championship will be rewarded with a handsome trophy. Individual prizes have been donated by President Johnson for the best pitcher, for the best batsman, and for the player who has the best base-stealing average.

Allegheny winners of last year, are out to repeat. They will be the mainstay, in still with the Allies, and in recent practice he has all the cunning of old.

Big Leaguers to Assist Amateurs. PHILADELPHIA, Ind., April 22.—Tom O. Jones, secretary of the National Amateur Baseball Association of America, has announced the appointment of an advisory council to the president of the organization, consisting of 15 and includes, in addition to Chairman Jones, the following: J. H. McGraw, former manager of the New York Yankees; J. B. Murray, president of the International League; and George B. Sargent, director of athletics at University of Illinois.

DAVIS-THAYER PAIRED IN TENNIS DOUBLES

To Play Johnson and Tilden in Cynwyd Exhibition Next Wednesday

Next Wednesday Cynwyd Club holds its annual tennis dinner and this year they are going to hold exhibition tennis matches that afternoon between four of Philadelphia's leading players.

Willis E. Davis, Philadelphia Indoor Champion, and holder of the California title, coupled with Alexander D. Thayer, Pennsylvania State Doubles Champion, will meet Wallace F. Johnson; the other members of the State Doubles Champions, the leading players of Cynwyd Club, and William T. Tilden, Jr., Philadelphia Champion, in a double match, which will be unique for two reasons.

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This Macken will face another southpaw this afternoon. If "Dutch" Leonard is not in shape to go to the mound, "Babe" Ruth, who has beaten the Athletics twice this season, will try to repeat.

"This Phils play their final game in New York this afternoon. Alexander the Great will try to make it six straight victories. He is likely to have a hard battle, as Jeff Tesreau will oppose him. Tesreau is in wonderful shape. He shut the Phils out in their last game, the champions have lost this season.

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